

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

April 13, 2009

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Munro, Chair
Herman Calkins, Vice Chair
Leo Wiley, Secretary
Brenda Case
Rick Bernhardt
Mark Howland

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Gaines

Also, present Judy Wright.
Attendance 6

Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Calkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 MOVED: by Case, second by Calkins, to accept the March 9, 2009, meeting minutes with the addition of Mark Howland as present. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Bernhardt, second by Howland, to approve the April 13, 2009, meeting agenda with the deletion of the public hearing due to insufficient length of notice. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Can roads in the industrial park be included in the Truck Route Ordinance?

Would you include Fair Road in the list of roads where semis are not allowed?

Who is going to enforce the ordinance?

The Attorney General has stated that jail time as penalty is not enforceable in this ordinance.

Public service vehicles would be exempt.

If you're trying to eliminate parking and semi traffic in the special assessment district it could be more easily done with load limits on the roads leading into the area.

The definition of truck in section 1(e) needs to be refined.

Section 3(b) has Gaines spelled incorrectly.

Section 9 – penalties – need to eliminate “Chippewa County jail”.

The members reviewed Ordinance #1.109 (Anti-noise and Public Nuisance). It is the consensus opinion of the Planning Commission that the Township Board is authorized to extend time for the races to operate at the fairgrounds by virtue of Section 3C4 of the ordinance that states “sanctioned activities at the Fairgrounds” as an exception.

Bernhardt asked that the procedures necessary for the implementation of an ordinance be discussed the Township Board. Knowing who is responsible for each step on the process could eliminate problems in the future.

Chair Munro suggested that the Capital Improvement Committee be made up of three Township Board Members and three representatives of the Planning Commission. Department managers would be involved as needed.

The issue of the Heritage Society leasing property from Mr. John Gaines was briefly discussed. No action will be taken at this time as the Heritage Society has not asked the Commission for the feasibility of such an enterprise.

Calkins informed the members that he has been in contact with Kelly Drake of UP Engineers & Architects regarding the Master Plan. Currently she is working on chapters 4 and 5.

Lengthy discussion held regarding the “right-of-way” issue pertaining to the Streetscape project. Bernhardt, Case, and Wiley spoke with MDOT engineers who indicated that an attorney should be contacted to resolve issues. The Township received an opinion from Attorney John Underhill that this should be resolved prior to grant papers being signed.

#3 MOVED: by Bernhardt, second by Case, to notify affected property owners of a meeting to discuss this issue, unless the Township Board instructs the Planning Commission otherwise. Motion carried with one no vote.

Munro submitted documentation from Michigan State University pertinent to Master Citizen Planner training received by him at the MTA Annual Education Conference.

Case mentioned that ethical standards in the Commission’s bylaws need to be addressed at the next meeting.

Bernhardt stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals may need to be increased to five members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Leo Wiley, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Judy Wright